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JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION OF THE AUSCHWITZ CONCENTRATION CAMP AND THE WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM ADOPTED BY THIRTY-ONE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE

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WHEREAS, January 27, 2020 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day and marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp; and

WHEREAS, on this anniversary, the Legislature recommits itself to combating the global rise in antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2016, 31 member countries of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, of which the United States is a member, adopted a legally nonbinding working definition of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the working definition reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp and the working definition of antisemitism.